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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: DETENTION OF
RUBEN BECERRA (345/78/5); LUIS ARAOZ (347/78/5) AND HORACIO
SANTILLAN (346/78/5)

REF: W.E. ESCOUBE MEMO OF 4/13/78 TO R.C. GRAHAM

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST OF APRIL 13, 1978, ON BEHALF
OF [] REGARDING THE DETENTION OF FIVE PERSONS IN ARGENTINA,
THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS JUST
INFORMED US REGARDING THE FOLLOWING CASES:

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2. RUBEN BECERRA (345/78/5) IS BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE
DETENTION (DECREE 1810 OF 1974) IN RAWSON PRISON (CHUBUT
PROVINCE) CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ASSOCIATION AND POSSESSION
OF ARMS. HE PRESENTED A REQUEST TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY UNDER
THE RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM IN DECEMBER 1976, WHICH WAS
DENIED IN MARCH 1977.

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3. LUIS ARAOZ (347/78/5) IS BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION
(DECREE 1810 OF 1974) IN RAWSON PRISON (CHUBUT PROVINCE) CHARGED

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WITH ILLEGAL ASSOCIATION AND POSSESSION OF ARMS.

4. HORACIO SANTILLAN (346/78/5) IS BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION (DECREE 1477 OF 1974) IN RESISTENCIA PRISON (CHACO PROVINCE) CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ASSOCIATION AND POSSESSION OF ARMS.

5. WE HAVE HAD NO REPLY REGARDING OSVALDO PAVIOLO AND ATENCIO TAURINO.

6. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THESE CASES AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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